

The Avalanche

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

Don't
Sit
Down

And wonder why
so and so is prosper-
ous and you
are not.
YOU CAN BE.
Advertise. Get people
to come to your store.
In short, make money
by advertising. Others
do.

ADAMANT MELLO is not so easy as
his name would imply.

A MAN never knows that a woman
has any old clothes until he marries
her.

THE mind is like a trunk. It will
packed it holds almost everything; if
ill packed, next to nothing.

SOME people claim to be trusting
God to save their souls, who appear
to be afraid to trust him with very
much of their money.

BISMARCK appears to have received
a great many cables of fire wires on
his birthday, but his temperance
fractured his head from them.

THE Austrian and German Em-
perors are hatching some mischief.
It concerns the Eastern question,
and the unspeakable Turk feels his
ears burn.

MR. ROBERT FITZGERALD, prize
fighter, has sued a railroad for \$10,-
000 damages, alleging injuries to his
"reputation and feelings." It can be
proven in court that no prize fighter
ever possessed such things.

THE Chinese are great imitators.
They fall in readily with American
practices. The Celestials of Gotham
were requested to register under the
Gentry law, and they have done so
repeatedly, selling the extra certifi-
cates to Chinamen who seek entry
into the country. John is a good
"repeater" because he cannot be dis-
tinguished from his brother.

"COULD" STROLL, of Kentucky,
continues to emit howl after howl
about his wounded honor. "Life it-
self," says he, "is nothing to a gen-
tleman whose honor is tarnished."
This moves an irreverent editor to
suggest that since Judge Wilson re-
fuses to fight there is really nothing
left for Mr. Stoll to do but commit
hara-kiri, and thus clear his "honor."
This suggestion will be received with
proper enthusiasm everywhere.

A HANDY thing in a kitchen is a
good-sized slate. So often things
that are quite necessary are forgot-
ten because they are not noted down,
and serious annoyance is occasioned
by their absence. The slate can be
hung above the table by a long string,
and the pencil can be attached by
another. These need not be removed
from the wall at any time, but can
be hung so as to be used easily. As
soon as something is discovered lack-
ing it should be put down. Any-
thing unusual that is to be done, and
yet might be forgotten, can also be
put on the slate.

JUSTICE GOGGIN created a salutary
precedent when he fined Police Officer
Healey, and ordered him imprisoned
for ten days, for intimidating a wit-
ness. Of the many faults of which
the Chicago police force stands ac-
cused, this habit of bulldozing and
intimidating witnesses is by far the
worst. And it doesn't always stop
with intimidation, either. Coercion
and even violence have been fre-
quently resorted to by police officers
in their attempts to make a prisoner
testify to their liking. An enforce-
ment of Judge Goggin's policy will
not only have a reformatory influence
upon pernicious police methods, it
will protect the courts as well.

THIRTY or forty years ago every
housekeeper of the well-to-do class
had a store-room in which were
kept well-packed barrels of different
sugars, chests of tea, a bag of coffee,
and other supplies in similar quanti-
ties. This room was kept locked and
the mistress served out the supplies
as they were needed. Modern house-
keepers find that this plan, though
seemingly economical, is really ex-
travagant. A pound of coffee ground
fresh at the store for her order, she
discovers, lasts so many days, and
the cook becomes aware of the same
truth. So with the four-pound roll
of butter, the twenty-five cents' worth
of eggs. Without effort the system
creates itself, and small wastes and
leakages are done away with.

THERE is a singular strike on at
Buda-Pesth, the capital of Hungary.
The newspaper reporters have a
grievance against the President of
the Chamber of Deputies, who inter-
fered with the management of the
press gallery. In revenge the jour-
nalists have stopped reporting the
debates and confine themselves to
recording the routine business of the
house. The Hungarian legislators,
who, like their American brethren,
wish to see themselves in print, are
making every effort to smooth the
ruffled feathers of the reporters, but
thus far without avail. It is not
likely that such a strike could occur
in this country, but the result in some
localities would be singular. In Chi-
cago, for instance, the aldermen

would hail with delight the prospect
of keeping their doings out of the
newspapers. And the people at large
would be glad if the dreary debates
in the Senate would run against a
strike of any kind.

A PENNSYLVANIA newspaper is
prosecuting a man who gave one of
its reporters a bogus news item,
which was printed in good faith,
striking up more or less of a row.
The Pennsylvania law makes it a
misdemeanor for any person to pro-
cure the publication of false news,
and in some cases it is proper to have
the statute enforced. The paper
which is prosecuting in the present
instance, however, has only itself to
blame. The story that caused the
trouble was to the effect that the
wife of a citizen more or less well
known had presented her illegitimate
child with four children at once. The
reporter to whom the tale was unfolded
didn't take the trouble to verify it,
as he might have done by walking a
few blocks. He turned it in, the city
editor "passed" it and the paper
printed it. Then came the row, and
the paper, in order to be revenged,
seeks to send the joker to the peni-
tentiary. That is not good news-
paper work. The journal is showing
its own weakness in prosecuting.
The true remedy would be to get an-
other reporter and put the city editor
back in the mauling-room.

WANTED—A scientific treatise on
the natural tendency of grand opera
companies toward an internal rum-
pus. Given any group of prima
donnas, let any one of the group come
into contact with any other and the
resulting phenomenon will generally
be quite similar to that obtained by
bringing together two negative elec-
trical poles. Further proof of this
well-established fact has been afford-
ed in New York, where one beautiful
and charming prima donna has been
saying unkind things regarding an-
other beautiful and charming prima
donna, and the latter has been ex-
pressing a gracious wish to slap the
former's face. "It is singular, but it
is painfully true; that music, which
is reputed to have charms to soothe
the savage breast, seems to have an
entirely different influence upon its
singers. The reason is, deeply hid in
mystery. It is one of those problems
that will probably never be solved.
All that the world can do is to accept
the fact and vainly wonder why it is
that if two prima donnas are locked
in the same room for two hours they
will at the end of that time prob-
ably be found seated in the oppo-
site corners with their backs turned
toward each other.

A RECENT decision in the United
States court of appeals for the
Chicago circuit is important, as it
affirms the question of liability for
street car accidents. A man named
Hyman Cohen attempted to get on
board the Madison street cable cars
at Halsted. The cars had stopped,
but were about ready to start up.
Cohen could have got on the rear car
without difficulty, but he ran for-
ward to get on the grip car. He had
taken hold of that car when it started
suddenly and he was thrown to the
ground, receiving injuries. Cohen
sued the street railway company for
damages. In the United States Circuit
Court. On the trial the judge called
the attention of the jury to the fact
that he had passed by the car which
he might have boarded without danger
for the purpose of getting on the grip
car. This raised the question of con-
tributory negligence, and the verdict
of the jury was in favor of the com-
pany. The case was appealed, and
was thoroughly tried in the Court of
Appeals. Judge Romanzo Bunn said:
"The conductor of street cars, having
the safety and even the lives of pa-
trons in his keeping, has not dis-
charged his whole duty to the public
when he has stopped his train and
waited what may appear, according
to his schedule, a reasonable time for
passengers to embark. He is bound
to exercise the highest degree of di-
ligence practicable to protect passen-
gers and prevent accident. He is
bound to know when he starts his car
suddenly off with full force that no
person attempting to embark is at
that moment with one foot on the
platform and the other on the ground
and with his hand upon the railing in
the act of getting on board, or is
otherwise in a position of danger."
This significant caution to conductors,
enforced by a judgment of several
thousand dollars against the street
car company, was not an idle use of
words. The admonition was rendered
necessary by the extreme carelessness
of some conductors, who were appar-
ently thoughtless of the safety of
passengers while attempting to make
fast time on their trips.

Rhode Island's Two Capitals.
Rhode Island is made up of what
were originally several separate col-
onies; the full name of the State
even now is "Rhode Island and the
Providence Plantations." By the first
Constitution each colony pro-
vided a capital for the State, so
that there were five capitals—New-
port, Providence, East Greenwich,
Bristol and Kingston. After a time
these became too many, and the last
three were given up, but as between
Newport and Providence no choice
could be made—political influence
was exerted on behalf of each town,
so the question was left unsettled,
and both towns serve. There is one
Legislature, which meets every year
in Providence and adjourns to New-
port.

CUSTOMER—Is the proprietor in?
Waiter—Yes, sir. Customer—Take
this steak back and ask him to bring
on it. Waiter—You'll have to wait
a little while, sir. There are two
other orders ahead of you.—Life.

NO ORCHESTRA can hope to go along
harmoniously without concert of ac-
tion.—Dallas News.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

THIS IS THEIR DEPARTMENT OF
THE PAPER.

Quaint Sayings and Cute Doings of the
Little Folks Everywhere, Gathered and
Printed Here for All Other Little Ones to
Read.

A Boy's Ode to the Goat.

I am a goat,
Pacifistically and derisively
Called William
And Billy for short.

I walk with stately tread,
Like one to purple tread,
City and town,
And on the old back lot,
Among the same-clot,
I lay me down.

At break of day
I'm up and wander away
To and down the deck,
Among old tin cans
And naturalized codfish,
Or take the alley in
Where there's more tin
And runaway rubber shoes,
And feed on boot-top
heels and
Scraps of barbed-wire
fence.

I nibble elders
And sample codfish
And masticated pave-
ments
And tiling and gaspipes
And wall
Talk about your outside
He sits in it with me.
Set a canary bird
Along with me.

When the out-of-the-
His stomach, he hides
And he's in the sand.
Or the nearest place at
hand.
He's ashamed to look
Around to see
Where he's at,
And says with me:
I'm a goat
All over.

When life on sand
Is hard and cold
Or rope, or currying,
Or rakes, or spades,
Or anything else,
Or old tin pails
Or old tin pans
As growlers,
Or calluses, or screws
And anything with
Old paint brushes.

And I can smile away,
Any time of day,
And lay me down,
And enjoy a feast
Like one of the too-
Never have to chew
Gum for my digestion.

What's a goat
There's no after-claps
From late appers.
No nightingale
Monkey with a goat.
And there's no statistics
As to sick goats.

The goat's the only thing
That renews its youth
After it's been in the
alley.
And loses its appetite
And gets sore and sore-eyed.

Thinking of the good
"Goat"
It has had,
To grow and
But not for long.
The tanner man is a
fairy
To the goat.
And takes his hide.

And that's when the goat
(Says) "I'm in a
And he takes a front seat
At the banquet,
And on the same-clot
Or in the dreamy walls,
As a six-button kid.

I'm a goat,
And there's no goat
Round town.
Always up or down.

I walk
With stately tread,
Like a goat in red,
City and town,
And on the old back lot
Among the same-clot
I lay me down.

WILLIAM METRIMET.

TOO NOBLE TO ACT IT.

Salvini Thought Booth Too Good at Heart
to Play M. B. B.

The celebrated actor, Edwin Booth
was at this time in Baltimore, a city
distant one hour from the capital.
He had heard so much about this su-
perior artist that I was anxious to
see him, and on my first night I went
to Baltimore with my impresario's
agent.

Booth had been reserved for me
without my knowledge, and was
dressed with the Italian colors. I re-
gretted to be made conspicuous, but
I could not fail to appreciate the
courteous and complimentary desire
to do me honor shown by the Ameri-
can artist, writes Salvini in the
Century.

It was only natural that I should
be most kindly influenced toward
him, but without the courtesy which
preposited me in his favor he would
equally have won my sympathy by
his attractive and artistic line-
aments, and his graceful and well-pro-
portioned figure. This part brought him
great fame, and justly for in addi-
tion to the artistic worth with which
he has adorned it, his elegant per-
sonality was admirably adapted to it.
His long and wavy hair, his large
and expressive eyes, his youthful and
flexible movements, accorded per-
fectly with the ideal of the young
Prince of Denmark which now ob-
tains everywhere. His splendid de-
livery, and the penetrating philosophy
with which he informed his phrases,
were his most remarkable qualities.
I was so fortunate as to see him

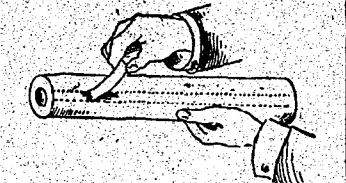
also as Richelleu and Iago, and in all
three of these parts, so diverse in
their character, I found him, abso-
lutely admirable. I cannot say so
much for his Macbeth, which I saw
one night when passing through Phil-
adelphia. The part seemed to me
not adapted to his nature. Macbeth
was an ambitious man, and Booth
was not. Macbeth had barbarous
and ferocious instincts, and Booth
was agreeable, urbane and courteous.
Macbeth destroyed his enemies trait-
erously—did this even to gain pos-
session of their goods—while Booth
was noble, lofty-minded, and gener-
ous of his wealth.

It is thus plain that however much
art he might expend, his nature re-
belled against his portrayal of that
personage, and he could never hope
to transform himself into the am-
bitious, vengeful and sanguinary Scot-
tish king.

PATENT POSTAL WRAPPERS.

It Does Away with the Trouble Usually
Encountered in Opening Papers.

The patent postal wrapper shown
below is designed to do away with
the trouble usually experienced in
opening a tightly rolled parcel. It is
an English idea, and is described as
follows: Running from end to end of
the wrapper are two series of perfora-
tions, half an inch or so apart, and
inclining toward each other, in the
manner shown in our illustration,
while at the left-hand side the outer
two perforations come right up to
the edge, and provide a small tab or



slip that can easily be grasped be-
tween the thumb and finger. To
open the wrapper, it is held in the
manner shown and the tab firmly
pulled, when at once a thin slip is
torn out of the wrapper throughout
its length, the slip being strictly
limited to the width of the perfora-
tions and thus preventing any dam-
age either to the papers within or to
any advertisements that may, as is
sometimes the case, be printed inside
the wrapper.

PHOTOGRAPHED WITH DOGS.

A New Fad, Which Has Taken Possession
of Englishwomen.

There is a new fad among the fair
debutantes on the other side of the
water. It is the growing interest
in the ever-growing interest
that modern women are taking in
well-bred dogs, coupled with the old-
fashioned liking for being photo-
graphed, which dates back a long
way, as everybody knows. The
mania which has taken possession of
the English girls is that of being
photographed with their favorite set-



ters or collies in the same position as
that affected by "dearest friends"
when they sit for joint portraits—
heads together. The young woman
in the cut is Lady Hilda Keith Fal-
coner, who has recently enjoyed the
honor of being presented to her
majesty Queen Victoria along with
dozens of beauties. It will
not be long, doubtless, before Ameri-
can girls fall in line.

Properties of Asbestos.

Some of the common ideas concern-
ing asbestos appear to have resulted
in mistakes of a serious practical
nature. This, the usual conception
that it is in nowise affected by heat is
true only to the extent that, though
infusible except at very high temper-
ature, it is a fact that only a very
moderate degree of heat—heating to
low redness—is required to entirely
destroy the flexibility of the fiber and
render it so brittle that it may easily
be crumbled between the thumb and
finger. Another mistake is that re-
lating to its high non-conductivity
or power of resisting the action of
the heat—the assumption being that
because asbestos is infusible it must,
of necessity, be a good non-conductor.
The contrary assertion to this is
made and proved on good authority,
namely, that by placing a vessel of
water on a sheet of asbestos card-
board and applying heat from below,
or more simple proof still, by placing
a piece of wood on a sheet of asbestos
millboard on a hot stove. If, how-
ever, asbestos is teased out and
worked into a fluffy mass, there is thus
obtained a non-conducting material,
but it is the air inclosed by the fibers
that is the real non-conductor, the
asbestos serving simply to entangle
the air.

At the Head.

Bishop Polk, afterward General
Polk, was one of those men who wear
the seal of authority upon their
brows. On one of his episcopal visi-
tations he stopped for the night at a
country inn, when his host at once
addressed him as "General."

"No, my friend," said Polk, "you
are mistaken; I am not a soldier."

"Judge, then," hazarded the inn-
keeper.

"That is not the title given me by
those who know me," replied Polk,
beginning to be amused.

"Right," said Polk, laughing.

"Well, I knew you were at the
head of your profession, whatever it
was," said the innkeeper.

The small boy may occasionally
fall in other things, but you can de-
pend upon it that there is one thing
he will always do—go to a show in
time—Sittings.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE
PAST WEEK.

How School Ma'am Suspected a Cream-
ery-Mutual Insurance Companies Are
Rapidly Growing—Startling Discovery
Concerning the Pending Amendment.

Fights Rhy of the Maldons.

Grass Lake has a new creamery. The
other day one of the lady teachers,
with a friend, called to see how it
worked, and she would be obliged to
tell her pupils. The foreman was delig-
ent to explain the mechanism. He told
them when he had the engine all ready
to start they would hear the whistle
blow. They stood close to the big
churn, eagerly waiting. Operations
began. Soon the head of the foot took
Then an awful dash and a tearing in
their ears. When they regained their
senses they found they had been deluged
with \$40 worth of rich, luscious
cream. In his anxiety to please the
fair damsels, the boss had forgot-
ten to fasten the cover of the churn, and now
when he sees village belles appearing
he makes himself very scarce.

It's a Big Business.

It appears from Commissioner Gid-
ding's latest report that mutual insur-
ance companies in the State are de-
veloping at a rapid rate. The farmers'
mutual insurance business has all
sprung up since 1870, the oldest com-
pany being the Michigan Mutual and
the Monitor Mutual Co., of
Clarkston. The fifty-six distinct
mutual farmers' insurance companies of
Michigan now carry risks aggregating
\$188,000,322, an increase of \$9,073,881
during the year ending Dec. 31, 1893.
The number of policy holders is 118,-
827, an increase of 7,236. The re-
sources of the companies are: Cash,
\$38,311.47; assessments outstanding,
\$116,720.20; miscellaneous, \$13,988.65;
total, \$168,019.32. The liabilities are:
losses due and unpaid, \$38,281.99; due
for borrowed money, \$136,323.83; all
other claims, \$12,357.00; total, \$245,-
041.91. The following disbursements
have been made: Loans paid, \$178,-
208.80; interest, \$7,434.37; salaries and
expenses, \$28,546.68; miscellaneous, \$14,491.92;
losses paid, \$336,276.91; total disburse-
ments, \$602,922.28. The total receipts
of the companies were \$631,206.35.

Bar Foreigners from Vote.

It is discovered that the constitu-
tional amendment to be voted on by
the people next November to change
the qualifications of electors by requir-
ing a residence in this State of six
months instead of three and in the
township or ward twenty days instead
of ten, contains also a provision which
if adopted will disfranchise all persons
of foreign birth who have declared
their intention to become citizens of
the United States within two years and
six months prior to the 1st day of next
November, as well as preventing the
enfranchisement of all foreigners who
may hereafter desire to become citi-
zens.

Well, Who Was It?

They have found out who that
naughty man was who has been intimat-
ing in Ontonagon papers that some-
times had "people gobbled in Lwen."
"We have often seen this fellow," says
the Even Recorder, "who claims to be
the would-be reformer of 'Naughty
Even,' taking a yank at the tails of
the tigers in these gambling dens.
He ought not to kick, as he has invari-
ably been a winner. If a devil will
probably be heard from next starting
a reform movement in Hades." Now
the question arises, What was the de-
vils name?

Julius Emerick's Singular Suicide.

Julius Emerick deliberately drowned
himself at Grand Rapids, by plunging
his face into the water in the basin of
Fulton Street Park fountain. The
water was but six inches deep.
Emerick was an old and disreput-
able man, and was recently recalled
agent of a Cleveland sewing-machine
company. He leaves a wife and four
sons in Cleveland, and in a brief note
bade them farewell and asked forgive-
ness.

Hoggers a Fire Fighter.

George Roger was the hero of the
Blissfield fire. He saw that the build-
ing adjoining the drug store might be
saved only by throwing an electric car
beside it. George quickly mounted
to the top of the building, coolly
loosened the cornice and pulled it
down amid a storm of sparks and soot
that threatened to ignite his clothes.
George used to be a cowboy out West.

Killed by a Trolley Car.

The little 4-year-old boy of Harry
Randall, a Port Huron cigarmaker,
a very bright fellow with long, pretty
curls, was run down by an electric car
in front of the City Hall, where he was
playing on the street with a dog. He
was almost instantly killed, the back
of his skull being crushed in. His arm
was also broken and the body presented
a pitiable sight.

He is Starving to Death.

J. Dewright, of Cooper, is starving
to death at his home. He lost his
home by fire a few months since and,
though well to do, he has brooded
over the loss. For twenty-two days
nothing except water passed his lips.
He refuses all other nourishment and
is determined to die. He is 80 years
old.

Record of the Week.

An Ypsilanti man rides a bicycle
seven feet high.

ALL the saw mills around Muskegon
Lake are running.

THERE are 200,000,000 feet of lumber
in the Ontonagon yard.

DURING the past week forty boats
left Muskegon loaded with lumber.

SIX cows, two horses and a bull were
roasted to death in J. J. Dunbar's barn
near Adrian.

DURING the present winter from 58,-
000 to 60,000 cubic feet of white and
black oak timber has been cut in Wash-
tenaw County and shipped to England
for shipbuilding. There is very little
good timber left in the country.

STANDISH sports threw a lighted
dynamite cartridge into the water to
kill fish. Their dog, thinking it was
done for his benefit, quickly dove in
and swam to shore with the deadly
load in his mouth. There was a
quick scattering of sports, the car-
tridge exploded, and when they came
back for the dog pieces of him were
found all over a 10-acre field.

A THREE-YEAR-OLD son of John Kol-
logg, a farmer residing seven miles
west of Battle Creek, was scalded so
badly that he died. The little fellow
was left in charge of his grandmother.
She had a kettle of scalding water
on the floor, preparatory to doing some
mopping. The boy fell into it.

WHEN Sebastian Gorley was married
at Muskegon, Mich., after a stormy
time. A crowd of Poles, filled up the
windows of the house, yelled names in
a furious tone. Mr. Gorley had several
of them hauled up in court to tell what
they were of of theirs if he got mar-
ried.

THE HEAVY HAIL STORM INURED FRUIT BUDS NEAR LANSING.

Eighty freight cars were wrecked in
the R. & W. yards at Kalamazoo.

FIFTY miles of logs are hung up
on the Black River, near Cheboygan.

AT Marquette, forty-seven Swedes in
one bunch took out naturalization pa-
pers.

THE shingle mill of B. J. Hoyt, of
Acme, burned, involving a loss of
\$3,000.

THE Christadelphians, a peculiar re-
ligious sect, have established a church in
Marquette.

JOHN RULE was killed in Oscoda by
being struck by a ship while oiling
rollers in a mine.

RANKIN laborers invaded the local
mill and drove all the employees away,
just like the Poles in Detroit.

MANUELON saloon-keepers have
taken out licenses as usual, and pro-
posed to fight the local option law.

A 3-YEAR-OLD daughter of John Lof-
gren, of Cadillac, was instantly killed
by being kicked in the head by a
horse.

A 5-YEAR-OLD girl named Goker was
so badly burned in a lumber camp
twenty-five miles south of Cheboygan
that she died.

THE men employed in Thomson
Smith & Sons' mill at Cheboygan
struck against working eleven hours
for ten hours' pay.

THERE is but one baker in White
Pigeon and a monopoly, yet this baker
has cut the price of bread to three
loaves for 10 cents.

MRS. LAFAYETTE TOWNER, of Pe-
tersburg, was struck by lightning. Her
sufferings have been terrible, but it is
thought that she will recover.

AT Kalamazoo, Charles H. Ferguson,
who had been on trial for several days
on the charge of murdering George
Scott last January, confessed the mur-
der.

BURGLARS tried to blow open the
safe of A. R. Parks at Birmingham,
but were scared away by persons re-
turning from a party. They spoiled the
safe, however.

ABRAHAM HARTSELL, who was confined
in the county jail at Hastings awaiting
examination on a charge of murder,
escaped by means of keys which he
procured in some way.

THE fifth district W. C. T. U. wants
the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee
and Detroit, Lansing & Northern Rail-
roads to quit running Sunday excu-
rions from Grand Rapids.

VICIOUS dogs visited the farm
of George Kimball, of Muskegon, killed
twenty chickens and two pigs, and
were trying to kill a Jersey cow when
discovered and driven off.

FRANK SCHWARTZ, a young Adrian
blacksmith, was kicked while shoeing
his horse. Both of the animal's feet
struck him squarely in the pit of the
stomach, and it is feared he is fatally
injured.

RICHARD VAN VERVEEN's ear broke
a few years ago, and of late he has
been unable to open his mouth. Grand
Rapids doctors, with chisel and ham-
mer, cut a hole into his skull, removed
the offensive matter and saved the boy's
life.

JAMES WOOD, who absconded from
Marshall with \$3,000 belonging to the
Ancient Order of United Workmen
Lodge, has been found in old Mexico.
One of his bondsmen has gone there to
see if he can settle the matter with him.

STEPHEN H. WOOD, a Flat saloon-
keeper, sold liquor to a boy, Judge
Wisney sentenced him to twenty days
in the county jail, without the alterna-
tive of a fine, and he added that he
meant jail and not the Sheriff's resi-
dence.

CHARLES BARNUM, of Saginaw, was
killed with Jennie Ann, a Grand Rap-
ids dressmaker, but at the same time
him unless he adopted the Jewish
faith. Barnum has conformed to the
Jewish customs, the ceremony being
performed by Rabbi Kremer, of the
orthodox church. He has a wealthy
uncle in Grand Rapids, and is ex-
pected to remain in the city for some
time.

IN accordance with the desire of Mrs.
Stockbridge there was very little dis-
play at the funeral of the late Senator
Francis B. Stockbridge, which was
held at St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo,
at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The
remains lay for two hours in state at
the beautiful home of the deceased.
Mayor Osborn issued a proclamation
for all business houses to close during
the afternoon, and they very gener-
ally complied. Large parties attended
from Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and
Avery, Governor Rich and all the
State officers were also present. The
Stockbridge Debating Society adopted
appropriate resolutions.

A COMMITTEE of citizens of Iron
Mountain, headed by Mayor Crowell,
waited on Gov. Rich and laid before
him the condition of the destitute
miners of that place. It was explained
that 500 families are now receiving
aid and the number is daily increas-
ing, while both city and county treas-
ures are empty, and there is absolutely
no prospect of relief in the way of the
resumption of operations at the mines.
Should the present conditions continue
through the summer and winter, and
it was claimed there is no reason for
believing that they will not, fully
\$100,000 will be required to meet the
needs of the miners.

It

LABORERS would rather spend their money, even foolishly, than have some bank cashier do it for them.

The Avalanche.

O. PALMER, EDITOR & PROPRIETOR.
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1894.

Entered at the Post Office at Grayling, Mich., as second-class matter.

POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

"What is a hobo?" asks an exchange. A hobo is a man who voted for a change and got it, and now foots it to Washington to kick against it.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

Is not the republican millennium nearly at hand when Louisville, Ky., goes back on democracy, as it was a hot-bed of secession previous to and during the rebellion?

Hallstones "twelve inches in circumference" fell on Kansas farmers, Friday. These are molecules as compared with the icebergs that fell on Democratic candidates in Indiana, last week.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

Senator Smith, of New Jersey, happily remarks that there are as many democrats as ever in the country, but they are voting the republican ticket, nowadays.

"No doubt of ultimate success in Grover's mind," says some opposition, more or less. In such a struggle will not press him to the wall—still fill's address is getting in its work."

It used to be claimed that it cost the Government about \$1,000,000 for every Indian that was killed. Has anybody figured out how much it has cost for every "pension fraud" discovered.

Congress, having enacted good, substantial republican Reed rules, can now settle down to business. The sooner they declare in favor of the sound republican McKinley rules, the happier the country will be.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

The Cleveland Plain Dealer says that there was not a native American, a German or an Irishman among the rioters that attacked the Variety Iron Works in that city the other day. There was scarcely a man among them who could speak English.

Louisville, Ky., went republican in the municipal election held on the 2nd inst. The democrats got but a single member of the council. Republicanism seems to be as catching and as prevalent as the measles are in Grayling.

It was some time ago that the President wrote: "I will have a Congress on my hands." Well, it is a fact, he has. There is scarcely a doubt that he would freely give a quarter section of the Dismal Swamp to have it adjourn and go home.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

Reports to the State board of health show rheumatism, neuralgia, bronchitis, influenza, tonsillitis, in order named, causing most sickness in Michigan during the week ending May 5th. Consumption is reported at 220 places, measles at 48, scarlet fever at 45, diphtheria at 30, typhoid fever at 15, smallpox at 4 places.

Among the articles on public questions in *The Century* for May are discussions in the editorial of "What is Political Economy?" "The Foreign Element in Trade Unions," and "Popular Education in Citizenship." Theodore Roosevelt contributes an "Open Letter" on "The Common Sense of Civil Service Reform," and attention is again called to "The Depletion of American Forests."

The Keeley Institutes of Ypsilanti and Alma have been discontinued and consolidated in one located at No. 50 Washington street, Detroit. This move on the part of the manager, A. Waring, will, we think, be beneficial, as patients who attend an institute have considerable time on their hands and Detroit presents greater attractions, in the way of amusements, than smaller places. From our acquaintance with Mr. Waring, we can assure all patients who go there for treatment that they will receive every consideration and accommodation they may require, and will never regret doing so.

An exchange publishes the following, which strikes a responsive chord here "It is a common thing for newspapers, especially in country towns, to be whining for the support of the people and asking for help. Now, while we are anxious for everybody to become subscribers to this paper, at the same time we do not ask them to do so on account of any duty they owe, nor would we receive a subscription that we thought came as a donation. We are here to do business, and have subscriptions to sell. But if they do not see fit to buy, that is their business and we respect them just the same. While we have not become a millionaire during the years we have been a newspaper publisher, still we are satisfied with the result, and whatever success we have attained has been purely by business methods and not by begging."

The Cuckoo.

What cares the cuckoo
For his country's woe,
When Grover's favor
Rewards his fawning zeal?
The shops are closed
And families stare,
What cares the cuckoo
When his master dares?
The cuckoo doubts not
So that Grover guides
And dares not question
Aught that he decides.
But the people's wrath
Most surely will
Lay out the cuckoo
With November's chill.
—George A. Glahn.

A democratic organ says: "Congress has taken its coat off and will proceed to make short work of McKinleyism. This means business." Yes, for the sheriff.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

The price of wool in the United States was never so low. The price has tumbled to the free trade line, and our farmers, in selling this year's clip, will be able to figure out the deficit in their pocket-books due to democratic "change."—*Toledo Blade.*

An English ornithologist says: "It has always been laid down by writers of reputation that no cuckoo is seen or heard before the third week in April." You're wrong, brother, sadly wrong. The American cuckoo (Clevelandus Cuckulus) has been seen and heard around Washington all the past winter.—*Philadelphia Press.*

Wilburn Hall, recently appointed Consul to Nice, contributes to the *May Century* a unique narrative of the "Capture of the Slave-ship *Cora*," the last of the American slave-ships. Mr. Hall having been at the time narrated, an officer in the United States Navy and a participant in the capture. The narrative is illustrated with graphic pictures by Castaigne, prepared after consultation with Mr. Hall.

Governor Rich appointed John Patton, of Grand Rapids, to the vacancy in the U. S. Senate, caused by the death of Senator Stockbridge. The *Bay City Tribune* says: "Senator Patton is forty-four years old, is a son of ex-Representative John Patton, of Pennsylvania, is a graduate of Yale university and is a brilliant lawyer. He was a member of the state central committee in 1884, and has been an enthusiastic republican worker, rendering effective service on the stump in state and national campaigns. He has never before sought office, having in fact several times refused nominations for office. His selection is a recognition of the younger element of the party and will be well received throughout the state."

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A leading feature of *The Century* for May is the first of a series of papers by Thomas G. Allen, Jr., and William L. Sachtleben, recounting their adventures in a journey "Across Asia on a Bicycle." The ground covered in the first paper is from the Bosphorus to Mt. Ararat. The objective point was Peking, and for the greater portion of the way the route was parallel and occasionally identical with that of Marco Polo. The account will be illustrated by a large number of unique photographs taken by the writers during this adventurous trip in a region almost unknown to the western world.

Communication.

EDITOR AVAILANCHE:—Will you kindly oblige me by publishing the following brief statements for the special benefit of the republicans of Groveland township?

March 24th, I was nominated for the office of Town Clerk, at our Caucus. April 2nd was elected at annual meeting, publicly proclaimed by the Inspectors of election, the result being subsequently recorded in our Town and County Clerk's offices.

April 10th, was sworn into office by Justice John Hartman, but my bond was not approved for the special reason that I some times write my first name in full (Peter), other times simply P., although all present then, admitted knowing me well. I must also mention that the Supervisor, acting as Chairman of the Board, was told that he could not vote, and did not vote.

April 12th, I left at our Clerk's office an oath of office sworn to before our C. C. Commissioner, with a formal demand for books, papers, etc., belonging to said office, requesting, at the same time, a special meeting of the board to approve my bond; April 19th, was assured that the board would meet on the 21st; April 21st, board did not convene; April 30th, called at Clerk's office. He said that the board met the previous Saturday, but failed to consider my bond. He also said that he could not deliver any books, since the board had appointed a Clerk.

I certainly could lay the case before our County's Prosecuting Attorney, but our Town is in debt already, and with due respect to those who gave me their votes, I consider that I have made a sacrifice, as will be seen by the time I lost. I shall refrain from any further comment, but will say *Beware!*

Respectfully,
PETER W. STEPHAN,
GROVE TOWNSHIP.
May 2nd, 1894.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OF CRAWFORD CO., MICH.

SPECIAL SESSION, APRIL 1894.
(Continued from Last Week.)

Report of the Inspectors of Jail for the County of Crawford:

GRAYLING, Feb. 16th, 1894.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors: We, the undersigned, report as follows: 1. That there had been confined at different times prisoners charged with offenses as follows:

Females, none; Males, 115; whole number, 115.

II. There are now in jail detained for trial, none.

There are now in jail serving sentence, none.

There are now in jail under 18 years of age, none.

There are now in jail awaiting commitment, none.

Number now in jail: Males, none; Females, none.

Prisoners detained for trial have been held in jail the following number of days: The jail record does not show. Persons awaiting commitment have been held since sentence—days each. No record pertaining to the facts.

III. No, usually confined in one room, by day, all prisoners. No, usually confined in one room at night, 4.

IV. Employment, none.

V. Condition of bedding, Good.

Conditions of Cells, Good.

Condition of Halls, Good.

Condition of Water Closets, Good.

VI. What distinction, if any, is made in treatment of prisoners? none.

VII. Are prisoners under 16 years of age, at any time, day or night, permitted to mingle or associate with older prisoners? No.

If there should be Male and Female prisoners confined at the same time, there would be no separate room for juveniles.

VIII. Are prisoners arrested on civil process kept in rooms separate and distinct from prisoners held on criminal charge? No.

IX. Are male and female prisoners confined in separate rooms? Yes.

X. Is there a prison jail record kept and is it kept properly posted? No.

XI. What, if any, evils in construction or management of jail are found to exist? No separate room for juveniles. We find upon the jail register kept by the Sheriff the names of 115 as having been confined in the jail during the past six months, but they are not charged with any offense on their books and in interviewing the different Magistrates and examining their dockets, we find only the names of 45 charged with any offense. We recommend that the Sheriff be requested to keep a record in proper shape and render an itemized statement to the Board of Supervisors.

WILLIAM C. JOHNSON, Judge of Probate.

W. S. CHALKER, County Agent.

R. P. FORBES, Supt. of Poor.

CHAS. I. RICHARDSON, Supt. of Poor.

Moved by Sup. Annis that the report be accepted and adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by Sup. Hoyt to adjourn till tomorrow at 8 a. m., to give the committee time to work.

F. P. RICHARDSON, J. W. HARTWICK, CHAIRMAN. Clerk.

MORNING SESSION, APRIL 20th, 1894.

Roll call; full Board present. Sup. F. P. Richardson in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Sup. I. H. Richardson that the Committee on Claims and Accounts be accepted and adopted as read. Motion carried.

On motion of Sup. Niederer, the report of the Committee on County Printing was taken from the table for consideration.

GRAYLING, Mich., 1894.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Crawford County:

Gentlemen! Your committee on County Printing do hereby submit the following report: That we have consulted O. Palmer, of the *AVAILANCHE*, and Joseph Patterson, of the *Northern Democrat*, and each have offered to do the county printing of the Board of Supervisors for \$100. We recommend that for the benefit of the people of Crawford county that each of the above named parties be authorized to publish the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors and receive \$100 each and be paid by installments, the first of \$25.00 to be paid on May 15th, the 2nd, of \$25.00, to be paid on November 15th, 1895, and further recommend that the Clerk be authorized to draw orders for the same.

WILSON HICKEY, COM. P. M. HOYT, COM.

Moved by Sup. Francis that the report of the committee on County Printing be accepted and adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Niederer that the committee on County Printing be instructed to make a contract with O. Palmer and Joseph Patterson for county printing. Motion carried.

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Moved by Sup. Niederer that the Building Committee be instructed to consider the advisability of improvement in the Court House grounds and report to the board this p. m. Motion carried.

Moved by Sup. Annis and seconded that the Register of Deeds receive ten (10) cents for each entry on the township abstracts brought up to present date. Motion carried.

Resolved, That the name of Ira H. Richardson be taken from the committee on Finance and Settlement, and the name of John Niederer be placed thereon.

IRA H. RICHARDSON.

Yeas and Nays called; Messrs. Ira Richardson, Annis, Francis, Niederer and Higgins voting Yes; Messrs. F. P. Richardson, Leece, Hoyt and Hickey voting Nay. Resolution carried.

On Motion of Supervisor Hickey, a recess for an hour was taken.

Board called to order.

As Ira Richardson resigned from the Committee on Finance and Settlement, I appoint in his place, Wilson Hickey.

Moved by Sup. Hickey to suspend the rules and finish such business as there is before the Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Niederer that the contract for county printing be read. Motion carried.

Moved by Sup. Leece that the contract for county printing be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Sup. Annis that the report of the Committee on County Buildings be read. Motion carried.

GRAYLING, April 20th, 1894.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen! Your Committee on County Buildings beg leave to report as follows: That they have inspected the Court House and grounds and would recommend that the Court House roof be painted two coats of roofing paint and the rest of the building on the outside receive one coat of Sherwin Williams' prepared paint, and would further recommend that the replacing of shade trees and other improvements be postponed till Fall.

IRA H. RICHARDSON, JOHN LEECE, COM. P. M. HOYT, COM.

Moved by Sup. Hickey that the report of the committee on County Buildings be accepted and adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by Sup. Annis that the bill of Deputy Sheriff Higgins be read. Motion carried.

On motion of Sup. Niederer, the bill of Deputy Sheriff Higgins was allowed at \$5.10, as read.

On motion of Sup. Annis, the Board adjourned till 1 p. m.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on Claims and Accounts respectfully submit the following report, recommending the allowance of the several amounts as given below, and that the Clerk be authorized to draw orders for the same:

Claimed.	Allowed.
1 John H. Haggerty, \$ 1.50	\$ 5.50
2 Richmond & Backus, 10 00	10 00
3 Joseph Churchill, 4 00	4 00
4 Joseph Patterson, 1 00	1 00
5 O. Palmer, 11 00	11 00
6 D. S. Waldron, 4 30	5 80
7 W. S. Chalker, 8 00	8 00
8 J. W. Hartwick, 50 00	50 00
9 John J. Higgins, 5 20	5 20
10 Wm. C. Johnson, 2 80	2 80
11 John Hanna, 5 75	5 75
12 Richmond & Backus, 19 10	19 10
13 Victor Salting, 1 10	1 10
14 Joseph Patterson, 20 00	20 00
15 Billing Bros. & Everard, 7 25	7 25
16 E. H. Dean, 6 32	6 32
17 Ike Rosenthal, 24 50	24 50
18 A. Kraus, 3 15	3 15
19 C. Briggs, 8 50	8 50
20 L. E. Parker, 2 00	2 00
21 Braden & Forbes, 25 00	25 00
22 Ike Rosenthal, 7 75	7 75
23 John Hanna, 10 75	10 75
24 D. McCormick, 20 95	21 00
25 Wm. Wood's Justice, 74 35	74 35
26 Thos. Wakeley, 121 54	121 54

"Would recommend it be allowed and the amount to be charged and collected from the per cent. due Mr. Hanna on property assigned him to sell for county."

P. M. HOYT, COM. JOHN J. HIGGINS, COM. WILSON HICKEY, COM.

AFTERNOON SESSION, APRIL 20th, 1894.

Roll call; full Board present. Sup. Richardson in the Chair.

On motion of Sup. F. P. Richardson, the several bills of Supervisors were read. Motion carried.

I. H. Richardson, \$11 52

F. J. Niederer, 10 20

J. P. Richardson, 10 32

John Leece, 9 12

Wilson Hickey, 12 00

J. M. Francis, 10 38

J. E. Annis, 10 20

P. M. Hoyt, 10 80

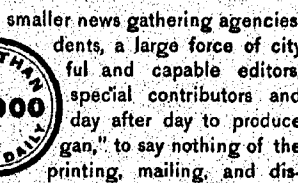
John J. Higgins, 10 20

On motion of Ira H. Richardson, the bills were allowed as read.

Moved by Sup. Leece that the proceedings be accepted and adopted as read. Motion carried.

On motion of Sup. Leece, the Board adjourned without date.

F. P. RICHARDSON, J. W. HARTWICK, CHAIRMAN. Clerk.



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Probate Notice.

State of Michigan, County of Crawford, S. S.

A session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate office in the village of Grayling on the seventh day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety four. Present, Wm. C. Johnson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of William Dunbar, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Charles F. Kelley, praying that Fred H. Osborne, or some other suitable person, may be appointed Administrator of said Estate, and that such other and further order and proceedings may be had in the premises as may be required by the statutes in such case made and provided.

Whereupon it is ordered, That Monday, the fourth day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs-at-law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, be required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be held in the Probate office, in the village of Grayling and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petition should not be granted. And it is further ordered, That said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pending of said petition, and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in the CRAWFORD AVAILANCHE, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (True copy.) Wm. C. JOHNSON, Judge of Probate. May 10, 1894.

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THE SUFFERINGS MEN UNDERGO WHILE COURTING.

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Chapter on Courtship.
"My dear," said a prim aunt to a newly engaged niece, "do you know that it is a solemn thing to be married?"

"Yes, aunt," was the pert rejoinder, "but it is a great deal sadder than not to be."

From the standpoint of youth and beauty, the girl was undoubtedly right, for whatever may be the side issues of wigs and toilet powder, of gold and embroidered dresses, ham-shaped sleeves, and the extravagant costumes that the arbiters of fashion declare shall be worn by the beauties of the day, there can be no doubt that the ultimate end and aim of each and every adornment is, for the young lady at least, nothing more nor less than matrimony. In his curious book on "Natural Selection," Darwin shows with great circumstantiality and force how important is the part played by brilliant and elaborately displayed plumage in the improvement of successive generations of the feathered tribes, and also how distinct species have originated from the preference, perhaps unconsciously played, by male birds for elegantly adorned females.

Interesting as all these things are to women, they are none the less so to men, for no matter how strenuously the latter may protest their indifference to affairs antedating matrimony, it is a settled historic fact that whenever a woman is married a man is found entering the holy estate of matrimony at the same time, to say nothing of the additional circumstance that the men usually do the courting, and, save in very rare and exceptional cases, women are never married until urged to change their condition by members of the sterner sex. If, however, young gentlemen, or even old bachelors, fully realized the load of responsibility they were incurring in courtship, they would be more than ready to get married, there is little doubt that a bear movement in matrimonial stock would at once begin, which would sweep away



AS IT IS DONE IN THE COUNTRY.

more than one margin which has already been advanced to the broker.

For getting married, both in the preparatory and in the final stages of the process, is, in the opinion of a St. Louis Globe-Democrat writer, undoubtedly a very solemn thing. In the first place there is the courting, for, save in France, where everything is managed by the parents, or in Iceland, where a go-between attends to the business, or in Timbuctoo, where girls are bought and sold like these young gentlemen, must be courted, and courting is of itself a serious matter, involving no little sacrifice of time, disregard of personal comfort, and occasionally a liberal pecuniary outlay. As far as time is concerned, the expenditure is made with some degree of cheerfulness, for courting, like virtue, is its own reward, and more than one man has realized, in the words of Owen Meredith, that

"The deed in the doing it reaches its aim."

And the fact has a value apart from the fame.

When the matter of comfort enters into consideration, a field is opened to the clergyman say, too wide to enter, for one of the most astonishing things about that phase of idiosyncrasy known as love is the peculiar influence it exerts in changing the nature; sometimes intensifying the already existing, sometimes bringing out qualities whose existence was altogether unsuspected. As a general thing love is an incentive to exertion. The lazy youth who with difficulty drives himself or is driven to his daily tasks, under the influence of the tender passion displays an energy before unknown. He takes long walks, not because he likes walking, in fact he may despise it, but he feels the need of working off his superfluous energy and walking thus the purpose is a little better than labor. While walking he can think and does so, and if his walks take him in the direction of her house, so much the better, for he finds his mental operations much quickened by that circumstance. When he gets back he is tired to death, it is true, but that is a mere trifle; only his muscles have given out, his mind is as fresh as ever.

If his miseries ended with the aching of his tired limbs, however, he would be singularly blessed. But they do not, for one of the penalties of being in love is the fact that the man who is courting somebody is never exactly certain about his footing. He is like a boy walking on rotten ice, who takes step after step in dismal uncertainty



BY THE STERN-CAR METHOD.

whether at each the thin crust may not give way beneath his feet and let him through. To be sure, he might make a rush and so end the suspense, but somehow or other he prefers the suspense. In every matter other than love-making a certainty is infinitely to be preferred to a doubt, but one of the curious cranks to which a lover is subjected is that of preferring his own suspicions and fears to the best-established knowledge that any one else can give him. In other words, he wants to be miserable, and generally gets what he wants. Nor, in this respect,

does he usually receive much comfort from the fair object of his regard, for if there is one thing a woman delights in more than in all sorts, kinds and conditions of misfortune, it is to see her lover in a state of distress. She will then, with the tender books of expectation, go on alternatingly hoping and fearing, and each afraid to open his mouth to her on the subject for fear of hearing that feeling, which he can not but believe would meddle all the happiness that he has for him, and even clothe the heavens in a figurative black that would, he fancies, aptly portray his feelings. To hint to him that he is mistaken, and that, if refused, at the end of a twelve-month he



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would probably be just as devoted to some other girl, regarded as an insult, as to him, for the moment, at least, the world contains but one woman, and she is the deity at whose nod his little universe fairly trembles.

"While to lovers themselves their business is of the most momentous consequence, to people who are not in love, or, having been so, found their complaint speedily and permanently cured by matrimony, it is a triviality, endurable only because it is so funny. For it is not to be denied that to the world at large the lover is a source of infinite glee and jest, a standing butt of jokes and humor. Nor is the fact without a reason, for, as a rule, lovers carry on their business so openly that even the unobservant can not fail to see what they are about, and to be amused or annoyed accordingly, as temper or caprice may indicate. A pair of lovers in a street car, for instance, never fail to advertise themselves and their calling as openly as though they were placards on their backs, for as soon as they are seated the billing and cooing begins, and go on without intermission until they get out again. The people across the aisle may smile and nudge each other, the conductor may try to speak to the man, who looks back from time to time in grinning enjoyment of the spectacle, regardless of the fact that he is endangering human life by indulging his merriment; the rough fellow in the end seat may burst into a loud guffaw as he leaves the car, and in a moment allude to the "anties of them two loons," but the lovers themselves see nothing, hear nothing, their ears catch no sound but the murmur of the voice that is sweeter than the music of the spheres, their vision has no horizon beyond the eyes.

Eyes so transparent

That through them one sees the soul.

It is well that the lover is blind; he is additionally fortunate in being deaf, and other people would be sometimes



PREPARING TO ENGAGE A FATHER-IN-LAW.

in luck if he were also dumb. But that never happens save when the lovers are alone. It is a curious fact which may be commended for observation and study to the students of sociology, that two lovers who sit in a parlor a whole evening without making noises enough to keep the mice in their holes, can go into a public hall and by their clatter cause the people in three rows of seats to become inwardly profane. Why the tender passion assumes symptoms so diverse in different places and at times so inopportune is not even to be conjectured; it is one of those mysteries of which the universe is full, and which must be received in the arms of fate without even so much as an effort at explanation.

After the horrors of courtship have been endured for a season the misery of a proposal is, in order, and if there were no other objection to getting married than the necessity of making a proposal, the offer would seem to be sufficient to diminish the number of marriages 75 per cent. in a single year. To a man not in love asking a woman to marry him seems to be a very simple and easy matter, but to the lover, to put it mildly, it is a fearful thing. There is no valid reason, a proposal is a veritable blough of despond. Somehow or other, though, he must struggle through it, and generally does so, in the most absurd and ridiculous manner, making himself an object of ridicule to the lady; who, in later years, if she accepts him, rarely fails to remind him how cheap and insignificant he looked when, with sheepish aspect and hesitating words, he asked her to do him the honor of looking after him until death should send them part. Men never talk about their proposals, for no matter how carefully they may have prepared for this momentous occasion, a proposal, like a fall down stairs, or death by a car, always comes with a shock, and the student, in preparation goes for naught. Blessed,

therefore, is the man who does not have to propose, for there are a few cases where the twain understand each other so fully that a proposal is unnecessary. They simply take the whole thing for granted, and, with the most perfect confidence in each other, regard it as settled.

But even in such cases, while everything may be perfectly satisfactory for the young lady, the trouble of the youth has just begun, for in all well-regulated families papa's consent to the engagement must be obtained, and as the necessity for this formality is presented to the interested youth by his inamorata, he may be excused for



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feeling that, as the biblical proverb says, "The father of the bride," this is the proper time for a cold sweat. And he has it, too, for as the dismal words are poured into the portals of his reluctant ears, he feels that death would be a relief. But there is no help for it, so he arranges with himself, a time when he will call on his prospective father-in-law and adjust matters. He does not, in the language of Old Virginia, "hanker after the job." He has a dim consciousness that an interview with a hangman on the gallows would be a joyful, not to say hilarious, occasion by comparison. He defers the matter from time to time, giving him-



"SOMEBODY'S COMING!"

self a reprieve from the inevitable. When, however, it can be no longer deferred, he puts on as bold a face as in his depressed condition he can possibly assume, and starts for the house. Courageous as he may have been at starting, however, he becomes a pitiable picture before he reaches his destination. His courage oozes out in an inverse ratio to the distance, that is, the nearer he gets the faster it oozes. He discusses with himself whether he would better go on or run away out of town, or go off somewhere and quietly die. He tries to think of something to say and fails. He tries to think what he shall answer if the father-in-law,



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that is to be, asks him any questions about himself and scores another failure. He walks past the house half a dozen times before he can make up his mind to enter, momentarily disdaining with himself the propriety of bolting and eating the whole thing by default. He fails to see the necessity of a girl having any parents, and although devoutly thankful to Providence for having provided him with a sweetheart, entirely to his taste, can not understand why Providence could not just as well have sent him an orphan. Yet all this time he is, in all probability, gravely in error, for the parents of the young lady are perhaps



A NECESSARY OUTLAY.

dreading the interview just as much as himself, and will be just as much relieved as he when it is at an end. Blind as a kitten, however, he can not see that their love for their daughter, if they are not fools, is not in the least, and that the obstacles which they see to the union are created solely by regard to the future happiness of their child. As a rule, he finds that the ordeal is by no means so dreadful as he feared it would be, and that the business is half over he realizes that parents are not ogres lying

in wait to scare timid lovers into fits, but kindly, considerate, well-meaning people, ready to overlook his embarrassment and, when necessary, to hold out a helping hand to a suffering fellow-creature in distress and smooth his path when they see he is about to make a disgraceful stumble. In fact, before the interview is over, the young lady, who has changed her heart with regard to parents-in-law, and has made up his mind that as a young lady's mother is to her the dearest one on earth, that husband must be either a brute or a bear who could, in so close a degree, allude to his mother-in-law. But time would fail to tell of the miseries of the engagement and how the young lady keeps it secret by telling all her friends about it. She does it, of course, because she is proud of him. 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